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SUBJECT: MATSUMOTO KIDNAPPING

REF: SAN SALVADOR 3019

1. JAPANESE FIRST SECRETARY KURATA ACCOMPANIED BY JAPANESE OFFICER FROM NEW YORK CALLED ON EMBASSY OFFICER MORNING JUNE 16 AT THEIR REQUEST. JAPANESE OFFICIALS FIRST STATED THAT THEY HAD HAD NO CONTACT WITH KIDNAPPERS SINCE SATURDAY, MAY 27. THEY HAD PLACED AN AD IN LOCAL PAPERS IN NAME OF FAMILY AND COMPANY REQUESTING KIDNAPPERS TO CONTACT FAMILY OR COMPANY URGENTLY.
2. JAPANESE THEN STATED THEY HAD CALLED ON SUBSECRETARY OF DEFENSE IRAHETA MORNING JUNE 15. THEY STATED THAT IRAHETA SHOWED THEM A LETTER THAT HAD "INADVERTENTLY" COME INTO HIS POSSESSION BETWEEN TWO MEMBERS OF FARN (TERRORIST GROUP ALLEGEDLY HOLDING MATSUMOTO.) IRAHETA REFUSED TO GIVE JAPANESE OFFICIALS COPY OF LETTER BUT READ IT THROUGH COMPLETELY FOR THEM.

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3. MAJOR POINTS RECALLED BY JAPANESE FROM LETTER WERE A REFERENCE TO SUPPLY OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION NOW IN POSSESSION OF FARN AND SAFELY STORED IN AREA CALLED "LAS QUEVAS" NEAR CITY OF SAN MIGUEL. LETTER ALSO STATED FARN MEMBERS VERY PLEASED WITH RESULTS OF MATSUMOTO KIDNAPPING AND ATTENDANT PUBLICITY. INDICATED THAT MATSUMOTO WAS STILL

ALIVE AND SAFELY HIDDEN.

4. LETTER EXPRESSED FEELING THAT FARN HAD ACHIEVED ABOUT ALL POLITICAL ADVANTAGE THEY COULD FROM MATSUMOTO AND SHOULD NOW TURN THEIR ATTENTION TO OBTAINING LARGE RANSOM FOR THIS RELEASE. JAPANESE STATED THAT CLOSING REMARK OF LETTER SAID THAT WITH MONEY RECEIVED FOR MATSUMOTO AND FROM OTHER SOURCES THEY WOULD NOW BE ABLE TO MOVE INTO NEW PHASE OF OPERATION WHICH WOULD BE KIDNAPPING OR ASSASSINATIONS FOR PURELY POLITICAL REASONS.

5. COMMENT: JAPANESE OFFICIALS WERE SOMEWHAT ANNOYED AT IRAHETA'S REFUSAL TO GIVE THEM COPY OF LETTER FOR CLOSER MORE DETAILED EXAMINATION. THEY WERE HOWEVER ENCOURAGED AT INDICATION THAT MATSUMOTO MAY STILL BE RETURNED FOR PAYMENT OF RANSOM. CLOSING STATEMENT OF LETTER, IF TRUE, POSES HIGHLY DANGEROUS POTENTIAL FOR GROUPS PREVIOUSLY TARGETED BY FARN.
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